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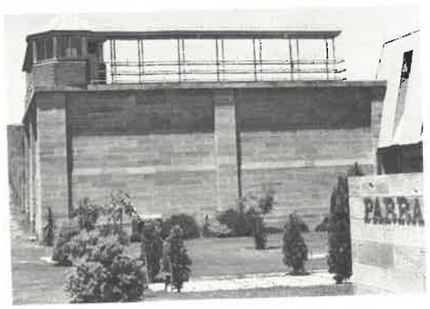

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THURSDAY	Capt. David Hinchliffe, his wife Dianna and children Andrew and Darren. Pray especially at this time for David's Chaplaincy work at Parramatta Gaol, N.S.W. Also for his work as an Industrial Chaplain with Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission. Pray for an increase of people to share in the ministry of Church Army through prayer and giving.
FRIDAY	Capt. Phillip Jackson on leave from the Society. The Rev. Capt. John McKnight in his work with the Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies and his continuing work with the ministry of "The Buttery".
SATURDAY	The English Church Army. For the Chief Secretary, the Rev. Michael Turnbull. Pray especially for his visit to Australia in February, 1981.
SUNDAY	The Church Army in the West Indies. Pray for its Leader, Capt. E. Cousins. Pray for the President of Church Army in Australia, the Most Rev. Sir Marcus Loane.

WEEK THREE

MONDAY	The Rev. Graeme MacRobb, his wife Jenny and children, Michael and Katrina. Pray for their ministry at the College of Evangelism. For Jenny in her work as Bookkeeper at the Federal Office and for Graeme in his ministry beyond the College.
TUESDAY	The Rev. Capt. Arthur Malcolm, his wife Coleen and children, Andrew and Ruth in their ministry at Yarrabah Aboriginal Settlement in North Queensland. Pray also that God will raise up other Aboriginal Australians to serve in the full time ministry of the Church.
WEDNESDAY	Capt. Brian Mattinson, his wife Barbara and children, Andrew, Christopher, Warrick and Stuart. Pray especially for his ministry to Officers in the Field and for his work as Administration Officer of the Church Army. Pray also for those who work in our Office, especially Lyn Brophey and Stephanie Smith.
THURSDAY	Capt. Gilbert Page, his wife Ruth and children Andrew, Katherine and Charis. Pray for God's guidance on his leadership of our Society and his ministry as a Missioner, Teacher and Counsellor. Pray also for new ventures of the Society into areas of providing In-service Training for Clergy in Evangelism, Religious Teaching, Counselling and Pastoral Care.
FRIDAY	The Rev. Capt. Norman Polgen in his ministry to the people of Palm Island Aboriginal Settlement. Nth. Qld. Capt. Doug Quayle in his work as an Industrial Evangelist with the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission.
SATURDAY	The Church Army Society in America. For the Leader, Capt. C. Mitzenius.
SUNDAY	The Church Army in Eastern Africa. For their General Secretary, Capt. G. Muiruri.

WEEK FOUR

MONDAY	Capt. Mark Rogers in his ministry as Parish Evangelist at Redcliffe. Qld. Capt. Glen Scott, commissioned on December 6th. Pray for his ministry at Grafton Cathedral and at the Grafton Church Army Bookshop.

BREAKING DOWN....
.. OR BUILDING UP?

There are many people today who feel that all around them their world is crumbling. It may seem that attitudes and standards which for so long have been accepted as a normal part of life, are either collapsing or even being deliberately knocked down. Many years ago a Hymn-writer noted, *"Change and decay in all around I see".*

Must the price of progress always be the removal of the old and known? Sometimes other people seem to have a total disregard for what we may view as precious and fundamental. Where is security to be found if the pressures of life can upset with such apparent ease those beliefs and values which appeared so solid and reliable? Yet always the search for improvement goes on.

Perhaps the Church can stand for the timeless truths which give stability and direction in life? Is it here that people can find a strength to withstand all that would destroy their peace?

But the Christian faith must never be viewed as protection against change. On occasions, the Church has appeared to stand aloof in the midst of moral and social upheaval. Untouched and unchanging, almost to the point of being unaware of those things that disrupt the lives of ordinary people. Jesus Christ never promised an escape from the harsh realities that surround anyone who wants to be involved with others at their point of need. He did promise that he would be right alongside those who love and serve Him.

There will always be risk and pain for the one who would follow the Saviour in humble obedience. St. John says *"The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us."* At this season we remember what that means, and what happened as a result.

The evangelist believes there is the opportunity to re-build broken-down lives; to repair the hurts that are caused either accidentally or deliberately; to remould to a truer beauty all who are disatisfied.

We in the Church Army wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas. May we hear again the One who says: *"Look! I am making everything new".*

There is New Life through faith in Jesus Christ.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Earlier this year we were all saddened by the death of the wife of our Board member, Mr. Dick Manuell. Our thoughts and prayers went out to him and his family, as we praised the Lord for the life and faithful ministry of Mrs. Val Manuell over many years. Mr. Manuell suggested that instead of floral tributes, money could be given to some worthwhile cause. As a result of this suggestion, our Society received $297.00. We deeply appreciate this very meaningful remembering of our ministry, and wish to publicly record our thanks to Mr. Manuell; to the Staff of the Pathology Department of the Womens Hospital, Surry Hills; Mrs. Laxton; Mr. and Mrs. Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Netting; the Rev. Canon R. Gray; Mr. and Mrs. Little; Mr. and Mrs. Kingscole; Mr. and Mrs. Chappill; Mr. and Mrs. Miller; Mr. and Mrs. Rick; and the families of Jacobsen, Webster, Hiller, Ogilvie, Hancock and Mathenson.

A SPECIAL VISITOR

It is with considerable pleasure that we announce the visit to Australia of the Chief Secretary of the Church Army in the United Kingdom. The Reverend Michael Turnbull together with his wife Brenda, will arrive at Sydney Airport on Monday, 9th February, 1981, and leave for New Zealand on 20th February. During their stay we hope to show them something of our beautiful country. *But this is not just a holiday visit.* We share in the evangelistic ministry committed to all the Church Army Societies in different parts of the world. The Chief Secretary of the "Mother Society" will be anxious to meet the Captains and Sisters who have the privilege of making known the Gospel in various parts of Australia. In so far as time allows, we hope to introduce him to our Officers who are "On The Job". Details of other speaking engagements will be made known in due course, but *you can hear the Rev. Michael Turnbull preach in St. Andrew's Cathedral Sydney, on Sunday 15th February, 1981, at 7.00 p.m.*

PIONEER readers will know that Mr. Turnbull is the author of two books. *"GOD'S FRONT LINE"* tells in a moving and exciting way just how Church Army Officers go about their work. Various case histories are given to feature ways in which the Gospel message is carried to all.

"PARISH EVANGELISM" is written as a resource book to stimulate the average parish to be involved in outreach. Mr. Turnbull shows how evangelism can arise from everyday pastoral circumstances. One section is for group use and gives discussion themes and questions, and another section contains descriptions of practical ideas for use in parish life.

LEADERS' CONFERENCE

The Federal Director, together with Captain Brian Mattinson, will attend a Conference organised for the Leaders of the Church Army Societies in different countries throughout the world. Representatives from Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States, the West Indies, and Eastern Africa will gather in Auckland from 21st February, to 6th March, 1981. *Will you pray for this important time?*

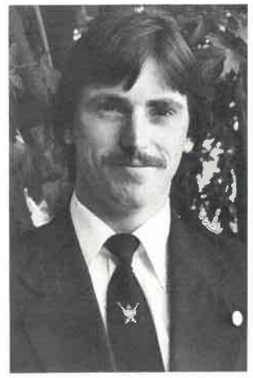
ical work at weekends and between terms in parish ministry, first at Avalon and then at Fairy Meadow, plus the various Parish Missions that I have shared in.

"I have been especially helped by the fact that Lecturers not only taught us, but shared with us in such a way that we learnt from their ministry as well. I especially look back on the St. John's Gospel lectures, the Bethel Studies and the Counselling Lectures as being particularly helpful in my preparation for ministry.

"Perhaps the most difficult aspects of College life has been learning to relate to other people for twenty-four hours a day, five days a week. I also found it hard to get back into the routine of study after a number of years away from it."

Glen's first appointment will be at Grafton, N.S.W. where he will spend part of his time managing the Church Army Bookshop and the rest working as Youth Director on the Cathedral Staff.

CAPT. DAVID WOODYARD



David Woodyard came to College from Frankston, Victoria. During his two years in College he did his field training first in the industrial suburb of Auburn and then in the semi-rural parish of Dural.

"When I started College, one question I asked myself was, 'Could God really use me as an Evangelist?' Not that I doubted my calling, but it seemed a miracle that God could use a non-academic tentmaker like myself in this role. One of the biggest problems that I had to overcome was my negative self-image. I had a very poor opinion of my ability, and was often negative in my relationships with others. This has changed so much over the past two years. The main reason being the way other members of the College community encouraged me with consistent positive affirmation. This was as vital a part of my preparation for ministry as my theological studies.

"During the first year of lectures, I was provided with a solid theological and biblical basis for further study, plus how to tackle subjects myself, relate to others in learning situations and how to contribute to other people's learning. In the second year, lectures were much 'meatier' and I was forced to develop my abilities in areas of exegesis and application. Practical training helped me not only to learn to use skills taught in College but also to appreciate different life-styles and people's different attitudes to God, the Church and to life. This has opened my eyes to some of the problems which people face that have not been in my own life experience and has equipped me to be able to minister effectively in such situations.

"I see my future role as an evangelist as being that of a motivator, encouraging people to take up the challenge of witnessing to their faith in Christ and to use their God given gifts for the building up of the Church."

David's first appointment will be to St. Mary's, Morwell in Gippsland Diocese. There he will have a special responsibility for Youth ministry and for evangelistic outreach especially in the Housing Commission areas of the parish.